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In re Appln. Of: DEUTSCH et al

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For: CHEMICAL IMAGING OF A LITHOGRAPHIC PRINTING PLATE

Group: 2854

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Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT A

Dear Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Official Action mailed May 22, 2002.

A Request for a Two-Month Extension of Time accompanies this Amendment.

Please amend the Application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph bridging pages 6 and 7, beginning at page 6, line 20 with the following rewritten paragraph:

The present invention provides a process for preparing lithographic plates by ink jet imaging of presensitized plates comprising diazo compounds. According to this inventive process, an alkaline or chemically basic ink comprising one or more suitable pH elevating chemicals is imagewise jetted onto a lithographic plate having a coating comprising diazo compounds. The latent image on the plate is cured by heating, and next developed by washing with a conventional chemical development solution. The plate is then ready to be mounted and

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